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BOTH TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL AND MONTREAL GAZETTE RAN STORIES
FEBRUARY 21 ON TRUDEAU VISIT, BUT THEMES ARE SOMEWHAT
REPETITIOUS.

MORE INTEREST OF TWO NEWSPAPERS IS GAZETTE WHICH
PUBLISHED FRONT PAGE STORY REPORTING THAT "CARTER, CONGRESS
TO HEAR TRUDEAU'S UNITY MESSAGE." ACCORDING TO ARTICLE,
TRUDEAU "HOPES IT WILL LEAD TO THE TYPE OF PUBLIC DEBATE
OVER CANADIAN UNITY THAT FOLLOWED A JANUARY SPEECH BY RENE
LEVESQUE IN NEW YORK..." APPARENTLY, TRUDEAU HOPES TO MAKE
"CANADIANS MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE REALITY OF HISTORY AND THE
REALITY OF THE FRENCH FACT IN CANADA." THE ARTICLE ALSO
CARRIED REPORT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER O'NEILL'S
REQUEST THAT NO MORE FOREIGN LEADERS BE SENT BY THE WHITE HOUSE
TO THE CONGRESS TO SPEAK.

GLOBE AND MAIL PRINTED AN EDITORIAL WHICH FOCUSED
ON "GREETING A NEW PRESIDENT." EDITORIAL REVIEWS FIRST
ACTIONS BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN POSITIVE WAY, AND
COMMENTS THAT PRESIDENT'S THEME "...MIGHT BE THAT OF OPENNESS
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TO THE UNTIDY COMPLEXITY AND ORNERINESS OF HUMAN REALITY...
THE FIRST IMPRESSION, IN SHORT IS THAT OF A MAN SECURE ENOUGH
TO LOOK AT THE WORLD AS IT IS..."

GLOBE AND MAIL COLUMNIST GEOFFREY STEVENS POINTS OUT
THAT SEVERAL MAJOR ISSUES (GARRISON DIVERSION AND BOUNDARIES)
HAVE BEEN NEATLY HANDLED AND NO LONGER NEED HIGHEST LEVEL

ATTENTION. "WHAT, THEN, WILL (THEY) TALK ABOUT?" INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS, CONCLUDES STEVENS, AND GOES ON TO MENTION THE MIDDLE
EAST, CUBA, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE FUTURE OF QUEBEC.
THE US, HOWEVER, "...WILL PROBABLY BE TOO DISCREET TO RAISE...
THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF PIERRE TRUDEAU."
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